

CHAPTER 7
SECTION 3.4

TAP WATER IONTOPHORESIS DEVICES

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I. CPT¹ PROCEDURE CODE

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II. DESCRIPTION

A tap water iontophoresis device uses tap water as a medium to administer an electrical current to the skin of the hands or feet for the treatment of hyperhidrosis (excessive perspiration due to overactivity of sweat glands). Treatment consists of passing a direct current of significant magnitude and duration into the skin to obstruct the sweat glands. The current is delivered to the skin while the hands or feet are immersed in a pair of pans, each of which has an electrode which is also in the water.

III. POLICY

Tap water iontophoresis approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as durable medical equipment and related supplies used in the treatment of hyperhidrosis are covered.

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